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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...British people. Sometimes it's necessary to use what some people consider extreme language, vulgar examples, to draw attention to a problem which dwarfs the language used to describe it, the examples used to underline it. Sometimes the public will respond; sometimes not. But when people are deprived of peaceable means to solve a very serious problem, they will result...resort to any means necessary. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendment. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. When this bill came up, I was concerned for constituents of mine, not only in my district, but throughout the eastern part of Nebraska, who were infected by the unsanitary conditions at a lab or a treatment center in Fremont. I'm sure you...most of you, especially in the eastern part of the state, have read about this from time to time. There are various lawsuits being filed against the doctor who was in charge of this facility that were treating cancer patients. Henceforth, he left the country, is back in his native land now, in Europe. So the recourse that these poor people who are suffering...and we're talking about not three or four, we're talking about a hundred or so people who were infected with hepatitis C at this clinic. There are people that were working for him, as I understand, are still practicing. I haven't heard otherwise, that they've lost their license to practice. But if something like this happens, I don't believe that there is probably enough money to cover a hundred or so people on malpractice suits. This is a start. But in something of that magnitude, I wonder where the dollars are going to come from. And maybe someone with better knowledge of this can help me with that. But we're talking millions and millions of dollars, and lives that...some people have already passed away from the treatment that they had at this clinic. So it's a serious situation, and I think the discussion needs to go on. This bill, I believe this is probably a step in the right direction.